

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21886

The Legislature has established a statutory framework for the coordination of all activities related to the introduction or reintroduction of threatened or endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act ("ESA") that would affect Idaho's fish, wildlife, and water resources. The Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation ("OSC") is responsible for the coordination of all state activities affecting endangered, threatened, and candidate species, species petitioned to be listed under the ESA, and rare and declining species. OSC coordinates state implementation and response to federal recovery plans and participates in regional efforts with state and federal agencies and tribes on issues related to such species. This legislation asserts the State of Idaho's primacy over the management of its fish and wildlife. Any introduction or reintroduction of any federally listed species without state consultation and approval is against the policy of the State of Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no impact on the general fund.

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